

State Bank of India have refused to 'release' pension unless the pensioner complies with bank's demand of Indemnity Bond;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial and compensatory measures contemplated for the benefit of pensioners under such circumstances?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that nationalised banks are not authorised by it to demand indemnity bond in addition to the letter of undertaking, from first time pensioners who opt to receive pension through banks after retirement.

(b) State Bank of India (SBI) have reported that no instance of its branches having refused to release pension in the absence of Indemnity Bond has come to its notice.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Duty on Antibacterial Drug

3692. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the details of duty on imports of 3-4-5 trimethoxy benzaldehyde an antibacterial drug originating from China?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : 3-4-5 Trimethoxy benzaldehyde, when

exported from People's Republic of China into India, is liable to the following duties of customs :

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| (i) | Basic Customs Duty | — | 40% ad valorem |
| (ii) | Special Customs Duty | — | 2% ad valorem |
| (iii) | Additional Duty of Customs | — | 20% ad valorem |
| (iv) | Anti-dumping Duty | — | Rs. 237/- per kg. |

Foreign Loan

3693. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of loans given to foreign countries by India upto March 31, 1996 alongwith the rate of interest chargeable country-wise;

(b) the details of recovery of loan given by India; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the foreign countries who have failed to repay the loans?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) A statement is attached.

(c) Efforts have been made through bilateral channels to effect recovery of GOI loans and some measure of success has been achieved in Vietnam, Uganda etc. Consistent default is also factored into consideration of further credits to defaulter countries.

STATEMENT

Govt. with whom credit agreement entered into and year of agreement		Amount of Credit as per agreement (Rs. Million)	Repayment Outstanding
1	2	3	4
1	Vietnam Rescheduled (78, 80, 81, 82, 84)		41,626,400
2.	Sri Lanka 1981	100	nil
3.	Sri Lanka 1978	100	nil
4.	Sri Lanka 1979	100	nil
5.	Sri Lanka 1987	250	nil
6.	Mauritius 1984	50	nil
7.	Mauritius 1978	100	nil
8.	Ghana 1981	50	3,557,930.43
9.	Mozambique 1981	40	39,853,170.46